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## FAMINE IN ETHIOPIA

Somber and horrified after a visit to drought-stricken Ethiopia, M. Peter McPherson, administrator of the Agency for International Development, said that he had "never seen anything like" the famine that is devastating northern Ethiopia. "I've seen a lot of places around the world," Mr. McPherson said, first as a Peace Corps volunteer 20 years ago in a Peruvian slum built on top of a garbage dump and more recently as foreign aid administrator. "But I've never seen anything like this, just never seen anything like this."

"A lot of places in the world you see kids with big bellies," he added, which indicates, he said, a lack of protein in the diet.

"But you don't see many times, and I've never seen, hundreds of children who were like shrunken little old men with no bellies, almost no flesh. I've never seen it."

Other on the spot reliable sources state: "They were dropping dead in the streets. The survivors were too sick to bury." It is estimated that Ethiopia needs a million tons of grain in the next 12 months to feed more than seven million people. Only a third of that amount had been pledged, including 130,000 tons by the United States.

We, in the AMAA circles feel a great burden and are looking for ways to help. We are reminded strongly of the death marches in the scorching deserts leading to Der-el-Zor and have compassion for God's creatures, the Ethiopians. Let us bring our share to save them. You may send your tax deductible gift to:

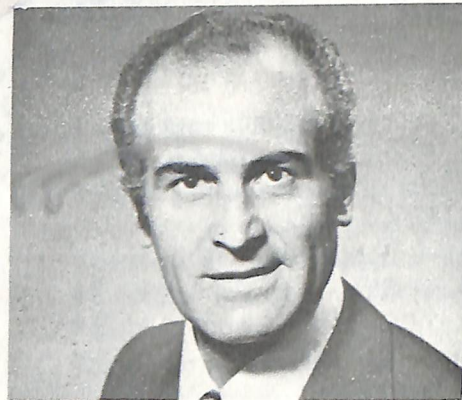
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Starving son carried by his father—victims of the current famine in Ethiopia



# TIME OUT FOR GIVING THANKS



Moses B. Janbazian

A Brazilian Christian lady, sharing her impressions of the United States on her return from her visit said to her Bible Study Group: "Everywhere I went I saw signs that read, 'NO TRESPASSING,' leading me to believe Americans are deeply Christian! They remind one another of our Lord's command not to trespass against each other."

The story of the well-meaning lady reminded me of the eve of my first Thanksgiving Day. That was four years ago when I was a four-month-old resident of the United States. The experience, combined with the impact of the reading of some pertinent literature on the history and meaning of Thanksgiving Day, led me to exclaim to my wife, "Definitely, this is a religious nation! I have not heard of any other people in modern times who have devoted a special day to give thanks to God for his blessings."

Now, I am a four-year-old American resident. I wish I could still feel the same way about the people of whom now I am a part. During these past four years, I discovered many good things and many "not so good things" about America and its people. I also learned a lot, even the use of the latest trite remark, "Where is the Beef?"

Where is our Thanksgiving? Is our Thanksgiving a day it was meant to be—a time of counting our blessings and expressing our gratitude to God? For some of us it certainly is. There are those few among us who on Thanksgiving Day engage in family devotions, prayer and thanksgiving. There are others, few as they may be, who get together in churches on Thanksgiving Day and worship

God and praise him for his bounties. We should thank God for such people because they embody in themselves the authentic spiritual values of the Pilgrim Fathers whose Christian mark made this nation one of the greatest in the world.

There is a danger, however, that Thanksgiving Day can be everything but a time of thanks. It can be a welcome break; a much awaited vacation from work; joyous partying with friends and family members; a juicy turkey dinner in a festive setting. Of course, these are not bad in themselves. Perhaps they are even necessary to set the tone for a joyous Thanksgiving Day celebration. But none of these can transmit the meaning and the spirit of one of our most beautiful traditions which is a natural prelude to Christmas. Unless we also devote some time to recollect the blessings we enjoy, practice sincere gratitude and praise and honor God, Thanksgiving and Christmas too, can be fleeting rejoicings.

It has been said, "gratitude is born in hearts that take time to count past mercies." Most of us will readily admit that is exactly our problem—time! In the kind of hectic life our society imposes on us, who can afford time to count past or present blessings? We are too busy and absorbed with the economic demands, occupations and preoccupations of our daily life. There are so many urgent things that we have to do—complete our work, meet deadlines, earn money, solve problems, pay bills. . . who has got the time to sit down and recall to mind kindnesses, favors and benefits received?

But our problem is more serious than just lack of time. It is rather our unwillingness to accept the fact that we are the beneficiaries of the mercy of God and the goodness of other people. In our present culture, which exalts the self-made man, we think we would belittle ourselves if we were to display any signs of humility by acknowledging our indebtedness to others.

No one is completely self-sufficient or self-made. From the day we were born, we are dependent: we are fed, loved, cared for, trained, served, educated by others. Then we are entrusted with responsibilities, given opportunities and, directly or indirectly, touched in our lives by innumerable people around us. We

are all indebted to them. But above all, we are indebted to God who preserves us day by day and showers us with innumerable benefits. "Beware that thou forget not the Lord thy God—for it is He that giveth thee power to get wealth." Deut. 8:11, 18.

Many of us take God's blessings for granted, ignoring the fact that millions and millions of people in other countries have less than one percent of what we have and enjoy. In our consumer society, what the gurus of modern marketing present us as necessities of life are unimaginable luxuries in most parts of the world.

A poem by an unknown author, quoted in Raymod Bayne's book, *Before the Offering*, may be a much needed reminder for us concerning the quality and quantity of the blessings we enjoy as Americans:

*I planned an ultra modern home, but a Korean citizen whispered, "I have no home at all!"*

*I dreamed of a country place for the pleasure of my children, but an exiled lad kept saying, "I have no country!"*

*I decided on a new cupboard right now, but a child of Africa cried out, "I have no cup!"*

*I started to purchase a new kind of washing machine, but an Indian woman said softly, "I have nothing to wash!"*

*I wanted a quick-freezing unit for storing quantities of food, but across the waters came the cry, "I have no food!"*

*I ordered a new car for the pleasure of my loved ones, but an Arab orphan sobbed, "I have no loved ones!"*

*I planned a stained-glass window above the choir stalls, but a Mexican pastor murmured softly, "My church has no walls!"*

Becoming conscious of our abundance and the unlimited blessings we enjoy is the first message of Thanksgiving Day. Honoring and worshiping God in loving gratitude is the greater message. In loving concern sharing our blessings with those of His children who are in deprivation and need is the most important message, for he who says he loves God and hates his neighbor is a liar.

— M. B. Janbazian

The 65th Annual Meeting of the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA) was held on Sunday, October 21, 1984 at the Armenian Presbyterian Church (APC) of Paramus, N.J., highlighted by a number of notable activities among which were:

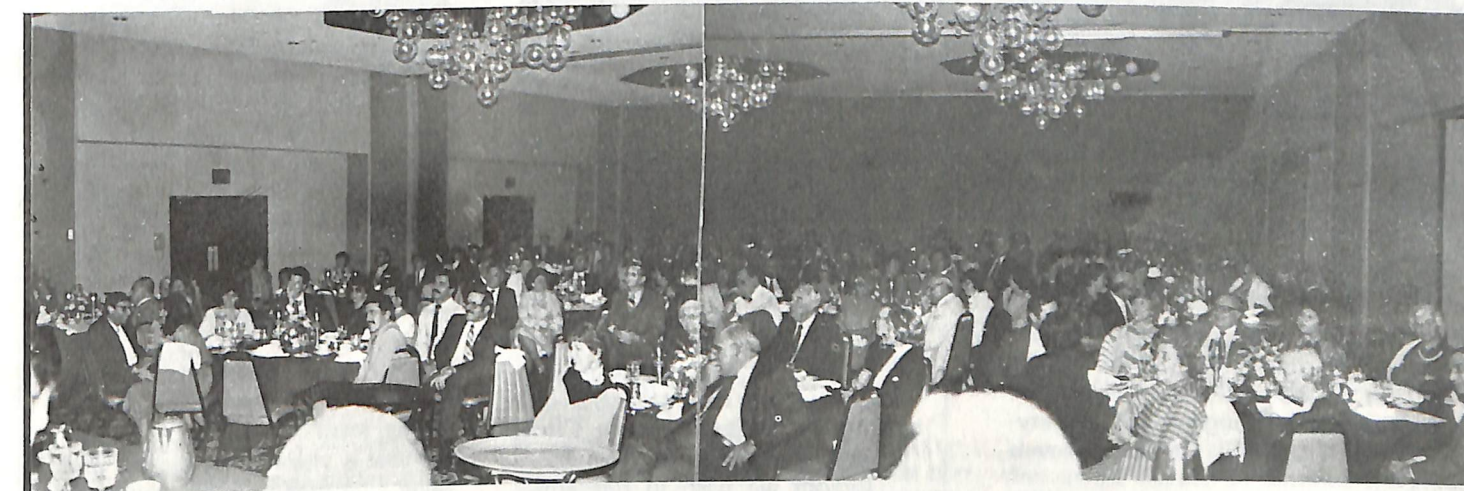
**Ministers' Retreat-Seminar.** Held in conjunction with the Annual Meeting, the Retreat-Seminar, fourth since it was introduced, started on Thursday, October 8, at 6:00 p.m. and was concluded on Friday, October 19, at 4:30 p.m. with Holy Communion. Organized and sponsored jointly by the AMAA and the Armenian Evangelical Union of North

America (AEUNA), 19 ordained ministers and 15 laymen participated on themes, such as, "Armenian Evangelical Identity: Historical and Theological Perspectives," presented by the Rev. Barkev Darakjian; "Stress," presented by the Rev. Dr. Soghomon Nuyujukian and "Pastoral care for the Terminally Ill," led by Dr. Ina Ajemian of Beaconsfield, Canada, who had graciously taken time out from her busy schedule to be with our pastors to present the timely theme.

**Gala Banquet.** Held on Friday evening, October 19 at the Sheraton Heights in Hasbrouck Heights, N.J., the banquet was graced by over 200 AMAA



President, George Bezirgianian, M.D. accepting a Certificate of Commendation presented to the AMAA by District Attorney Robert Philibosian (left)



Guests who attended the 65th Annual Meeting Banquet

## The Inspirational Corner

### IF JESUS HAD NOT COME

By Paul S. Rees

"If I had not come. . ."

That's the way Jesus began one of His sentences. The haunting suggestiveness of it is overpowering. The smug complacency with which I have come to take Christmas for granted is suddenly seized and shattered. Gone in a trice, a million cheery lights and merry laughs.

If Jesus had not come! What mind can compass the immensity of the gap, the vastness of the void, that would have been created in the human story?

History without its fairest figure. Literature without its sublimest passages. Music without its richest compositions. Eloquence without its loftiest flights. Philosophy without its most luminous insights. Theology without its Christology. Servanthood for others without its model and motive. Sin without a Conqueror. The world without a Redeemer. Death without a Destroyer. Heaven without assurance or allure. Ah! But I remember another word of His. . .

"I am come!"  
My word, what a difference!

He has come. . . to Mary's encircling arms. To the shepherd's wondering gaze. To Jerusalem's pools and pathways. To Galilee's hills and shores. To the classy rich and the cashless poor. To the arrogant, the ignorant, the errant. To the resolute, the dissolute, the prostitute.

There has never been a coming like it. (Yes, there will be another, but even it will not be like this one.)

More than an effort, it was an effect.

More than attempt, it was an act.

More than a desire, it was a deed.

To reveal, to suffer, to die, to live again.

To enlighten our darkness, to liberate us from our chains, to save us from ourselves, to bring us to God and to mankind and to heaven.

That's why He came! That's why He is here!

And I think He wants me — yes, me — to do something more than celebrate it. Staggeringly, he wants to use me to demonstrate it.

Joy to the world, the Lord is come!

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members and friends, including out of state guests and delegates. Mr. Hrant Agbabian acted as Master of Ceremonies and Los Angeles County District Attorney Robert H. Philibosian, specially invited for the occasion, was the keynote speaker. Mr. Philibosian presented the AMAA with a special Resolution of Commendation, on behalf of his department, and based his address on the Christian concept of "Doing good." President George Bezirgianian, M.D. thanked Attorney Philibosian and presented him with a plaque of appreciation. Certificate of Appreciation plaques were presented to outgoing Board members: Elizabeth Agbabian, George Bezirgianian, M.D., Nazar Daghlilian, the Rev. Dr. Peter Doghramji, Samuel Hekemian, Puzant Krikorian, M.D. and the Rev. Senekerim Sulahian. Special plaques of appreciation for meritorious service with their respective inscribed citations were presented to P. Corrine Stedman for a decade of dedicated service in the AMAA Headquarters; George Bezirgianian, M.D. for his second year of service as President; Marie Nahigian for ten years of sacrifice and efficient service as Recording Secretary of the Board; Edward Janjigian, for ten years of service as a knowledgeable Treasurer of the AMAA; and Hratch Baliozian for his productive directorship of the Armenian Evangelical Social Service Center (AESSC) for about seven years.

Music at the Banquet was provided by Composer Pianist John Martin Harutunian of Newtonville, MA.

A tribute to the late Rev. Puzant Kalfayan on the 25th Anniversary of his death was given by our Executive Director, the Rev. Dr. G.H. Chopourian. The Rev. Kalfayan served as Executive Secretary of the AMAA from 1946 until his untimely death in 1959. His wife, Ann Kalfayan, in graciously accepting a plaque that was awarded posthumously to Puzant, said that he had the unique ability to translate to others the vision that directed his life to serve his people and see many of his dreams come true.

**Board of Directors' Meeting.** On Saturday, October 21, 17 of the 21-member Board of Directors met at the recently remodeled Headquarters of the Association and dealt with a wide variety of important agenda items related to the life and work of the Association. One of the main resolutions of the Board Meeting, which was also attended by a large group of Armenian Evangelical Ministers and Church representatives, concerned the establishment of an Arme-

nian Evangelical Library and Research Center.

**Stephen Philibosian Foundation Trustees' Meeting.** Following

the AMAA Board of Directors' Meeting, the Trustees of the Stephen Philibosian Foundation (SPF) met at the Headquarters of the Association. Chaired by

## PUZANT KALFAYAN: A POWERHOUSE

*NOTE: During the 65th Annual Meeting Banquet on October 19, 1984, the Executive Director, Dr. G.H. Chopourian, presented the following testimonial in loving memory of the Rev. Puzant Kalfayan.*

Tonight we want to remember the Rev. Puzant Kalfayan. On the 25th Anniversary of his death in 1959 we remembered him in the June, 1984 issue of the AMAA NEWS. The issue was dedicated on him, who was the first full-time worker of the Armenian Missionary Association and a great one. On request, we received and published the testimony of his brother, Dr. Sarkis H. Kalfayan. The statement described Puzant accurately in every way—as a true Evangelical, as one burning with fire to serve Christ whom he knew as his friend.

Tonight we wish to remember him in a special way in the presence of his gracious wife, Mrs. Anne Kalfayan, his brother, Dr. Sarkis Kalfayan. We are touched by their devotion to him and glad they are with us along with Puzant's nephew, Lawrence Kalfayan.

In his work with the AMAA he became a pioneer. There had been no independent AMAA office. He established one. There had been no well-planned and regular programs. He developed a whole series of programs. The Middle East Armenian Evangelical School system had an educational system which ran up to the high school level. He dreamed, and finally became instrumental in receiving support to establish the higher end of the system, by the founding of the Haigazian College. He encouraged churches to build the needed units for schools, Sunday Schools, youth centers. He stimulated Evangelism work by influencing his friends and acquaintances and hitched them to

newly created Christian activities and programs.

The Rev. Puzant Kalfayan was a great public relations man who aroused Christian compassion in the hearts of many prominent Armenians in the United States. He did this through sermons, personal contacts, visitations, pleadings, tears and a convincing warm heart. He won the consent of committees and boards. On the pulpit, his deep voice projected clearly the truths of God and captivated the attention of the audience who learned to love him for his sincerity and deep convictions.

He had commitment to the cause of Christ, but above all he had a vision, a dream, a hope. Many, many a time he used these words from scripture: "A people without a vision shall perish" and utilized his dreams in his ministry to open the eyes of congregations to dream dreams for the nation so that once again the early commitment of Armenians to Christ might be renewed, reviewed and revitalized. Day and night he thought of ways and means by which every useful need our people had might be met. He raised a small army of major supporters for the work of the Missionary Association which he loved and cherished.

He was not alone. He had a gracious and able wife, Anne, the former Miss Aprahamian, who with heart and soul worked and prayed for the realization of dreams that both shared.

For these and many other reasons, the Board of Directors of the AMAA desired to remember Puzant—a true powerhouse of God who produced electric currents in the hearts of our people and led them to commit themselves in love to missions.



Mrs. Ann Kalfayan, wife of the late Rev. Puzant Kalfayan, extending appreciation for the commemorative plaque presented to her on the 25th anniversary of her husband's death.



Dr. Sarkis Kalfayan, Vice Moderator of the AEUNA, greeting the guests at the Banquet.

Mrs. Joyce Stein, the Trustees deliberated on a number of important issues related to the charitable work of the Foundation. The SPF, an affiliate of the AMAA, serves the varied needs of Armenians overseas and in the United States with special emphasis on the education of underprivileged children. The total annual financial help provided to schools, Haigazian College, Churches of the Evangelical Unions, Relief and a score of other projects exceeds \$300,000.00.

**Service of Praise.** The 65th Annual Meeting was preceeded by a Service of Praise at the APC, led by the Rev. Karl V. Avakian, Pastor of the host church. The Armenian sermon was delivered by the Rev. Barkev Darakjian, Pastor of the Armenian Congregational Church of Chicago, IL, and the sermon in English was given by the Rev. Dr. Vahan Tootikian, Pastor of the Armenian Congregational Church of Detroit, Michigan. In accordance with a tradition of many years, a special Service of Remembrance was conducted in loving memory of those AMAA members and friends who completed their pilgrimage in this world and joined the heavenly audience during the past fiscal year. The Rev. Edward Tovmassian, Honorary Executive Secretary of the AMAA who led the Service of



Executive Director, Dr. G.H. Chopourian, presenting Certificate of Appreciation plaques to outgoing Board Members: Mrs. Elizabeth Agbabian, Mr. Nazar Daghlilian, Dr. George Bezirgianian and Mr. Samuel Hekemian (absent: Dr. Peter Doghramji, Dr. Puzant Krikorian).



Appreciation plaques for dedicated services to the AMAA presented to: (l. to r.) Mrs. P. Corinne Stedman, Secretary in the Association's Headquarters; Mr. Edward Janjigian, AMAA Treasurer; Mrs. Marie Nahigian, Recording Secretary of the Board; Mr. Hratch Baliozian, Director of AESSC.

Remembrance, cited Vahe Roubian, D.D.S., President of the AMAA for two consecutive years, who passed away in July, 1984.

**65th Annual Meeting.** The 65th Annual Meeting was called to order at 1:30 p.m. by the President of the AMAA, Dr. George Bezirgianian, at the APC sanctuary. Those attending the Annual Meeting included AMAA members, life members, ministers, representatives of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, as well as delegates of churches and chapters from all over the United States and Canada. The reports of the officers, Executive and Field Directors and Chairmen of Committees and Chapters highlighted an impressive growth in the work of the Association. Noteworthy were the special ministries, mentioned in the reports, which were funded and supported generously to meet the growing needs of the Armenian Community in North America. The Chairman of the Nominating Committee, Mr. Archie Cherkezian, announced the results of the election to the Board of Directors for the Class of 1986-87 as follows: Nazar Daghlilian, Samuel Hekemian, Alan Philibosian, Harry Dulgarian, H. Philip Hovnanian and Ron Tovmassian elected by the membership. The Annual Meeting

also elected the auditor of the Association in the person of Charles Davitian, CPA.

### Ordination of AMAA Field Director to the Christian Ministry.

The Ordination of the Field Director, Mr. Moses B. Janbazian, to the Christian Ministry took place during a special service at the Armenian Evangelical Church of New York on Sunday, October 21, 1984 at 7:30 p.m.

The ceremony, which was officiated by the representatives of the United Church of Christ and the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America, made a deep impression on the large number of people who were present. Intense moments were evident when about 20 ministers layed their hands on the Ordinand during the Ordination Prayer.

The inspiring service of the Ordination of Rev. Janbazian came to be a fitting culmination of the 65th Annual Meeting activities which provided the AMAA membership and leadership not only an opportunity for fruitful consultations and business decisions, but also unique occasions for fellowship, sharing of concerns, inspiration and rededication to the purposes of the Association.



# FOCUS ON FIVE AMAA MINISTRIES

## Meridianian Armenian Evangelical School

The Charlotte and Elise Merdinian Armenian Evangelical School opened its third year of operations on September 10, 1984 with a chapel service attended by the students and parents. This year, grades Pre-Kindergarten (three-year-olds) through V are offered, maintaining the goals of providing quality education in a Christian, bicultural environment.

In its first two years the school has given evidences of fulfilling these goals successfully. The student body has grown from 13 in September, 1982, to 133 as of the October, 1984 capacity enrollment, with request continuing. Mrs. Alice Haig of South Laguna Beach, Chairman of the Board of the school says, "We will try to accommodate a few more, but new and larger quarters are a necessity for next year."

The outstanding performance of the students at the graduation ceremonies on June 25, 1984, in Armenian and English—through recitation, music and dancing—was solid testimony to the vitality of the school. About 400 enthusiastic parents, friends and guests witnessed and cheered. During the program, recognition was given to all who played a part in making the goals a reality: the school staff; the students, focussing on the 19 Kindergarten graduates; the school board, PTO and other volunteers; and the contributors. Among the latter, cited for their unique donations, were Mr. and Mrs. Hagop Bezjian, who requested that donations in lieu of gifts for their fiftieth wedding anniversary be given to the school's building fund; Mrs. Gladys Haig of Fresno, who donated the bulk of her late husband Vahe Haig's library to the



About 30 of the 133 students of the Armenian Evangelical School of Los Angeles attending Chapel Service.

school; and most recently, the DeMirjian family, who established a memorial fund at the school in the name of their recently deceased mother, Mrs. Beatrice DeMirjian. Also recognized with thanks for her continuing contributions was Miss Elise Merdinian, original generous benefactor of the school.

A special gift of appreciation was presented to Daniel Albarian for his faithful and effective services to the school as Administrator/Chaplain during its first two critical years. He will now resume his activities toward a career in the ministry.

The administration of the school this year is placed in the hands of Mr. Aram Boolghoorjian who has a long and impressive record of service as the well-liked and capable principal of a number of Armenian Evangelical Schools in Beirut, Lebanon. Under his experienced and

capable guidance the school will certainly continue to grow and prosper.

The Board of Directors of the Armenian Evangelical Schools of California, Inc. has announced the beginning of a new school program; a Saturday Armenian Evangelical School for those who wish to learn the Armenian language and culture but cannot attend the day school. Beginning September 15, 1984, courses are being offered from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. for students from four to twelve years old.

For further information about the school, or to offer contributions, you can call or write to:

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## The Assyrian Evangelical Church of Beirut

The Assyrian Evangelical Church in Sed-El-Bousherieh, a suburb of Beirut, Lebanon, continues to enjoy the support of the AMAA. This small, yet lively church, is a member of the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East. Under the leadership of its young and dedicated pastor, The Rev. George Iwaz, the church is rendering valuable services to its members and the community. The following letter, re-

ceived from the Rev. Iwaz recently, in addition to expressing appreciation for AMAA's support, gives interesting information about the current ministry of our Assyrian brethren.

"Thank you very much for your ongoing support for our church. Thank you specially for the \$1,500 for our needy families.

"Thank God our church is continuing in all services. In spite of the conflicts,

fears and shells, we never stopped services. Sunday School, Youth Group, Women's Auxiliary and the Junior Group continued to meet regularly.

"Our attendants are now mostly from non-evangelicals. We have Bible study and prayer services together.

"I am personally in contact with different church leaders, Orthodox and Catholic, to visit and provide medication for the sick in the whole Sid-El-

Bousherieh area. I often give messages at homes, institutions and hospitals.

"Our church supports 18 children by providing 10% of their tuition. We get some help from the World Vision but we hope you can support our needy children, too. Thirty five (35) children need help to meet their tuition.

"Though many of our families emigrated to the U.S.A. and elsewhere,

our church continues to grow spiritually and in number.

"Our church budget is in deficit because many members are unemployed, some of them for more than two years. My church is not able to make any increment on my salary.

"Our Sunday service attendants are about 70 persons. The number of our

students is 40. Our Youth Group, which meets twice a week, counts 20 young men and women."

We kindly ask our members and friends to pray for the Rev. George Iwaz and his church. Our prayers and financial support will help them continue and strengthen their special ministry among our Assyrian brethren in the Beirut area.

## Our Exciting Ministry in Istanbul

There is evidence of new vitality in the Gedik Pasha Church to which substantial subsidies have been provided over the past 30 years.

### Church Life

Church life has taken a new pace. According to Missak Gunay, a newly-ordained Christian worker, two services are held on Sunday mornings, one for the Armenian speaking members and the second conducted in Turkish. Attendance in both services is high (over one hundred) and Sunday School appears to have registered about fifty youth. Special encouragement and support was provided to Reverend Missak Gunay, the pastor of the Gedik Pasha Church, to help in his publication and distribution of Christian literature, tracts and books. The AMAA underwrote the expenses of the second printing of Rev. Gunay's *Gerchegehee Beelelim* (Let Us Know the Truth), a book which refutes the position of Jehovah's Witnesses. He has translated and published Eino Sormunen's book on Martin Luther, the reformer. He also publishes a magazine entitled "Sevgee Yolu" (The Way of Love). Gunay needs our prayers and support.

### Istanbul Youth Camp

The church also operates the Touzla Youth Camp, where summer activities are organized and administered effectively. The leader of the Camp, Hrant Dink, in cooperation with the leadership of the local church, organized and supervised the Camp activities beginning on June 16, 1984. One hundred and thirty three (133) youth from the Istanbul area attended, participating in the Camp program which included cultural, social and Christian education activities. Learning hymns, "sharagans", Bible stories and the essentials of our Christian faith are an integral part of the Camp program.

In a recent letter addressed to our Executive Director, the representative of the UCBWM writes, "On the basis of my visits to the Camp I do believe that the project



A portion of the 133 children who benefited from our 1984 Istanbul Youth Camp Program.

is worthy of your support. The leaders are earnest, energetic and basically a talented group of people. The program is quite good and the group of children whom they have selected are from families of real need. The expenditure of funds appears to be quite normal, even economical, for the size of group which is accommodated." He continued, "... The other sources of income are a few small contributions from members of the church and visitors, but a good contribution was from the Jinishian Program which in 1983 was T.L. 400,000 (approximately \$2,000.00). If the AMAA is able to continue its regular support, that will enable them to conduct a good program." From the Chairman of the Jinishian Memorial Program in Istanbul, we have received the following comments on the program for the summer of 1983: "It was the wish of the members to visit the Camp to know all they could about the Camp and the life of the children there. The area of the Camp is 10,000 sq.

meters. The number of students on the present day are 82 (35 girls and 47 boys). At the beginning of the season there were 127 students of Primary Schools. The Camp was founded in 1961 by Mr. Hrant Guzelyan, and in 1962 tents were used for the children. Soon, the first floor of the two-story building was built, followed by the second floor in the following years. In the year 1981 there were only 30 students, and in 1982 there were 60. The Camp can, if necessary, accommodate about 200 students. The personnel working for the Camp, aside from two or three, get no payment for their services."

We praise the Lord for our Istanbul Youth ministry which continues to give us the joy and privilege of serving the social, physical and spiritual needs of many children and youth in Turkey. We would like to take this opportunity to extend, once again, our gratitude to our sponsors who through their gifts make this most worthwhile mission outreach possible.



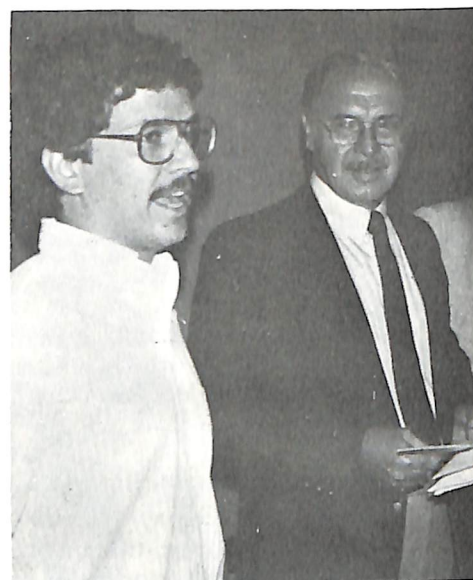
## AMAA Distributes \$190,000 in Scholarship Awards

In addition to its many educational projects at home and overseas, the AMAA operates an impressive scholarship program through which needy and worthy students are assisted in their college and university education. For the current 1984-85 school year, the total amount of AMAA scholarship grants and interest-free loan assignments to students in the United States reached \$190,000. A total of 198 fulltime students, including 22 youth preparing for the Christian ministry, benefited from this unprecedented allocation which was provided from the income of the following Trust and Endowment Funds established with the Association: Stephen Philibosian Endowment Fund, S. & E. Hekemian Family Endowment Fund, Augustine & Vergine Badeer Fund, Angele Bedrossian Hancock Fund, Dicran & Flora Sarkisian Endowment Fund, Anne Googian Halford Memorial Scholarship Fund, Jedidian Educational Fund, Raymond & Marie Nahigian Fund, Arthur Dadian Educational Fund, Dr. Jacob Hekimian Medical Loan Fund, Ann G. Kazanjian Trust Fund, Telfeyan Evangelical Fund, Dr. James Mouradian Medical Scholarship Fund, George & Alice Philibosian Family Fund, Altoon & Sara Saprichian Fund, L. & M. Giridlian Endowment Fund, Rev. S.K. & Mrs. G.T. Emurian Fund, E. Clemence Memorial Fund, Arsen Gulian Endowment Fund, Karekin Kaboolian Endowment Fund, R. & O. Makanian Missionary Fund, Loutfi Levonian Endowment Fund, H. & C.

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Most of the scholarship recipients were recognized at three different special receptions held simultaneously on Sunday, August 26, 1984 at the Immanuel Armenian Congregational Church of Downey, Calif., the First Armenian Church of Belmont, Mass. and the AMAA Headquarters in Paramus, N.J.

Dr. John Keuhnelian, Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, remarked: "It is with pride and joy that the AMAA, as a Christian organization, can lend a helping hand to needy Armenian youth who are eager to pursue their educational studies so that they may have the opportunity to attain a fuller and more meaningful life for themselves and be prepared to help others." Dr. Keuhnelian, who devotes countless hours for the study of the scholarship applications is assisted by other members of the committee comprised of: The Rev. Karl V. Avakian; Vahram N. Aynilian; Vahe Bedrosian; George Bezirgianian, M.D.; Archie Cherkezian; William Cherkezian; Robert Hekemian; The Rev. S.K. Sulahian; H. Philip Hovnanian, Ph.D., Edward Jan-



Scholarship funder, Mr. Samuel Hekemian of the Hekemian Family Trust, presenting scholarship award to 4th year law student Vicken Manougian, one of the 190 beneficiaries of the Scholarship Program.

jigian; Ann Krikorian; Ara Manougian; George Maranjian; Alan Philibosian, Esq. and Elida N. Telfeyan.

Scholarship application forms for the 1985-86 school year will be released as of January 1, 1985. Requests for the forms must be made in writing and **only by the applicants themselves.** Completed application forms must reach the AMAA Headquarters before May 15, 1985 in order to qualify for committee consideration.

mances by Dr. and Mrs. Stepan Merjanian and singing led by Larry Amerian Murphy and Steve Niksarian.

Reports and panel discussions rounded out the day with special emphasis on and time given to each area of AMAA's outreach, including the Armenian Evangelical Church in Hollywood which, under the Rev. Araham Chaparian's leadership, performs a wonderful evangelism ministry among the Soviet Armenian immigrants in the area.

All of the Conference participants owe a debt of Gratitude to Dr. Pepronia Merjanian and Dr. Kenell Touryan for putting together a day full of valuable insight and fellowship.

speaker, Dr. Kenell Touryan, gave a Morning lecture entitled, "Growing Spiritually" in which he put forward a concise and intrinsically understandable Gospel message. He used the analogy of a plant which, in order to grow, must first take root, then bear fruit, then stand against the elements. In his afternoon message entitled, "Evangelism in Armenia," Dr. Touryan illustrated the conference theme, "Ministry is for Everyone." He portrayed the Soviet Union as a modern day Goliath, and Christians with a mission to Armenia as modern-day Davids.

In addition to Dr. Touryan's stirring messages, the Conference was treated to several musical interludes with perfor-

## AMAA Sponsors Missions Conference

The following report on the latest Missions Conference is extracted from a writeup sent to the AMAA Headquarters by Cindy Kaloostian of Pasadena, CA, who described the Conference as "a time of learning and feeding in the world."

Approximately eighty people joined together at the First Armenian Presbyterian Church of Fresno, CA on Saturday, September 29, 1984 for a Conference entitled "Ministry is for Everyone."

Dr. Pepronia Merjanian, the West Coast Regional Director of the AMAA, opened the conference with a warm welcome followed by a devotional by the Rev. Bernard Guekguezian. Keynote

## AMAA JAMES G. JAMESON ESSAY CONTEST

The Armenian Missionary Association of America is pleased to announce the establishment of an annual James G. Jameson Essay Contest on any aspect of Armenian heritage such as literature, language, culture, geography, economy, history and religion. The contest is open to any full Armenian or part Armenian between the ages of 15 to 25 and entries will be accepted until April 30, 1985. The winner of the contest, if any, will be awarded a prize of \$200.

The essay should be written in English and have a length of 1,000 to 2,000 words. A contestant is allowed no more than one entry in any year, and no more than one member of a family may receive an award in a five-year period. If no submitted essay is considered sufficiently meritorious during any year, an award will not be granted that year.

A panel of up to three competent

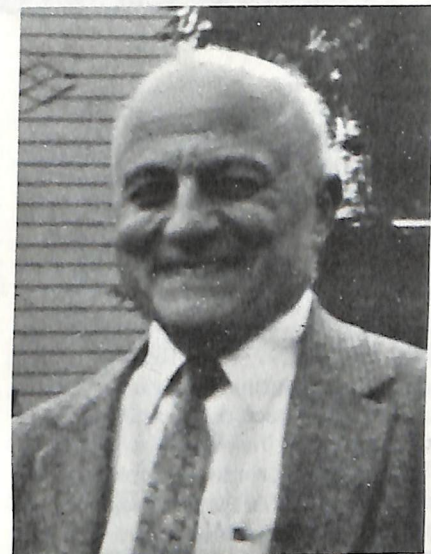
judges will evaluate contest entries. An award will be based on style, language, accuracy of facts, extent of research and magnitude of helpfulness of the essay to Armenian youth.

The purpose of the contest is to stimulate a desire in Armenian youth to broaden the knowledge and understanding of its traditional background and cultural heritage.

The Armenian Missionary Association is hopeful that there will be many contestants and urges them to submit their essays as soon as possible.

Entries and/or inquiries should be directed to:

James G. Jameson Essay Contest  
Armenian Missionary Association of America  
140 Forest Avenue  
Paramus, N.J. 07652



Mr. James G. Jameson

## AMAA H. ATHANAS LITERARY CONTEST

The Armenian Missionary Association is happy and proud to announce the establishment of the H. Athanas Literary Contest for booklets in Armenian in any of the following four categories: poetry, drama, fiction and nonfiction. Any Armenian in the diaspora is eligible. The annual awards which are expected to be at least \$1,500 per category when granted, will be made from the net income of a Special Endowment Fund established by Miss Hour Athanas.

Contest conditions are as follows:

1. For drama, fiction and nonfiction works, the manuscript length should be between 100 and 200 double-spaced type-written 8-1/2" x 11" pages.
2. Poetry manuscripts should have a length between 50 and 100 double-spaced typewritten 8-1/2" x 11" pages and can be any of the following types:
  - a. A collection of short poems, an epic-like poem, or a collection of "brochures."
  - b. Collected works of a senior poet.
3. Manuscript entries must satisfy the following requirements:
  - a. Manuscripts must be original and hitherto unpublished.
  - b. Four copies of each manuscript



Hour Athanas

- c. Every contestant should choose a pen name and enter it on the submitted package.
- d. Every contestant should also submit a separate sealed envelope with an enclosure which contains the title of the entry, a one-page description of its contents, the pen name which has been entered on it, the entrant's real name and address and the entrant's permanent pen name, if any.

4. Contestants should submit manuscripts by December 31, 1985.

Awards will be made in alternating years for each pair of categories as described: Fiction and/or Nonfiction for the first year ending December 31, 1985; Poetry and/or Drama for the year ending December 31, 1986; and thereafter in similar alternative fashion. Awards will not be made unless they are merited.

Entries in each contest category (i.e., poetry, drama, fiction and nonfiction) will be evaluated by separate panels of up to three judges who are well-versed, knowledgeable and distinguished in the field of the category.

The Armenian Missionary Association is convinced that the H. Athanas Literary Contest will be a strong constructive force in the preservation of Armenian cultural heritage and believes that there are many qualified people from whom it is hoped that numerous entries will be received.

Entries and/or inquiries should be directed to:

H. Athanas Literary Contest  
Armenian Missionary Ass'n of America, Inc.  
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## ARMENIAN MISSIONARY ASSOCIATION OF CANADA HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

The first Annual Meeting of the Charter Members and Board of Directors of the Armenian Missionary Association of Canada was held in a joyous and festive atmosphere on Saturday, September 8, 1984 at the First Armenian Evangelical Church of Montreal.

The meeting was presided over by George Ajemian, D.D.S., President of the AMAC, and attended by Charter Members, Board of Directors, Ministers and lay representatives of the Armenian Evangelical churches of Toronto, Cambridge and Montreal. The AMAA was represented at the meeting by President, Dr. George Bezirgianian, and Field Director, The Rev. M. B. Janbazian. The Annual Meeting was followed by an Inaugural Gala Banquet held at the Mount Royal United Church. Close to 200 AMAC members and friends attended the Banquet. The program featured Mr. Jirayr Bezdikian as Master of Ceremonies; Mr. Sarkis Hanenian gave the invocation; Dr. George Bezirgianian, the Rev. H. Agnerian, Messrs. Anton Torounian, Mihran Jizmejian, Papken Danayan, Antibas Loussararian and Miss Sonia Matossian gave greetings. Also participating in the program were Dr. George Ajemian who gave greetings and a brief history of the AMAC; The Rev. Moses Janbazian gave a brief presentation of the history and purpose of



George Bezirgianian, M.D., President of AMAA, officiating at the historic service of installation of the Board of Directors of the newly-formed Armenian Missionary Association of Canada.

the AMAA and the AMAC; and The Rev. Y. Sarmazian, Vice President of the AMAC, gave an inspiring message on the importance of the missionary outreach of the AMAC.

Miss Carol Hanenian, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. Pailig Hanenian, presented a beautiful repertoire of vocal selections during the Banquet. The Benediction was offered by The Rev. Ardashes Kerbabian.

On Sunday, September 9, 1984, a special Service of Praise was held at the Armenian Evangelical Church of Montreal led by the Pastor of the church, The

Rev. Agnerian. During the service, the president of the AMAA, Dr. George Bezirgianian, officiated at the historical ceremony of installation of the members and officers of the newly-formed Board of Directors of the AMAC.

Under the leadership of its Board of Directors, which is composed of dedicated, experienced and talented leaders, the AMAC will certainly be a most effective Missionary Agency for our churches and people in Canada. To that end, the Board of Directors of the AMAA, along with its support, also offers prayers for the growth of the AMAC.

## AMAA APPOINTS HAGOP LOUSSARARIAN WEST COAST REGIONAL DIRECTOR

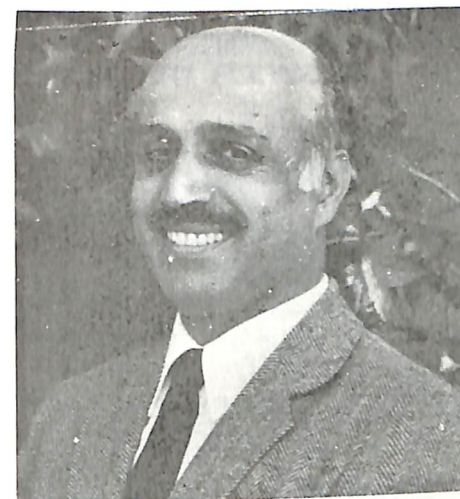
The Rev. Dr. Giragos H. Chopourian, Executive Director of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, announced the appointment of Mr. Jack Loussararian to the important position of AMAA West Coast Regional Director at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Association on October 21, 1984 in Paramus, N.J.

Mr. Loussararian will begin his duties effective January 1, 1985 and will replace Dr. Pepronia Merjanian who has been holding that position for the last three years. Mr. Loussararian's duties will involve planning, coordinating and implementing the regional activities of the AMAA under the direction of the Board of Directors and the Executive Director,

and in cooperation with the West Coast Board members. His assignment will also include working with the Church Missions Committees, AMAA Chapters, youth groups and the Armenian community at large to further the causes of the AMAA on the West Coast.

Hagop was born in Aleppo, Syria. He lost both his parents early in life. His mother died when he was a one year old infant; his father, when he was three and a half. He was raised by his grandparents, particularly by his grandmother, Mrs. Turvanda Loussararian, a very devout Christian lady. He received his primary education at the Armenian Evangelical Bethel School and in 1953 he and his grandmother moved to Beirut, Lebanon where

he attended the Armenian Evangelical Central High School, graduating in 1958. After a one year interruption during which Hagop taught at the Armenian Evangelical School at Hayashen, he enrolled at the American University of Beirut. He graduated from the A.U.B. in June 1963 receiving his B.A. degree, a normal diploma, the equivalent of a teaching credential. While attending the A.U.B., Hagop continued to teach part-time at the Armenian Evangelical School in Beirut to support himself and his grandmother. From 1963 to 1965, Hagop taught at the Armenian Evangelical College and the High School of Life and in August 1965, was appointed principal of Central High School, his alma



Jack Loussararian

mater. During his four-year administration, the school progressed considerably in all areas of activity. In 1970, the Loussararian family moved to Los Angeles and since then Hagop has been working for the Department of Social Services of Los Angeles County, the last ten years of which as a supervisor of a unit of social workers who handle the cases of abused or abandoned children placed in foster homes. In the U.S. he also earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Health Services Administration from the California University of Northridge.

The Board of Directors of the AMAA feel that they have found the right person in Hagop to carry on the work began so capably by Dr. Pepronia Merjanian who is retiring at the end of the year. Hagop joins the ranks of the AMAA equipped with in-depth knowledge of the Armenian Evangelical Community both within and outside the United States. He has been involved from his youth, be it in the activities of the Christian Endeavor Union or in church and school boards and committees. Currently, he is the Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the United Armenian Congregational Church of Hollywood, the position he has held since February 1983. He is one of the founding Board members and Recording Secretaries of the Board of Directors of the Armenian Evangelical Schools of California, Inc. and Chairman of its Personnel Committee, and has been Treasurer of the Camp AREV Committee since January 1981. He served on the Executive Council of the Armenian Evangelical Union of North America from 1982 to 1984 and was Chairman of its Department of Publications and Communications. Finally, he was Treasurer of the Missions and Outreach Committee of

## ARMENIAN FUND FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

This year marks the seventh anniversary of the Armenian Fund for Economic Development (AFED), a special program of financial assistance to the needy in Lebanon, established through the Agency for International Development and sponsored by the Armenian Missionary Association of America along with two other American-Armenian organizations.

In 1977, the Agency for International Development (AID) made a grant of \$500,000 to be used by three Armenian cooperating organizations, viz., the Armenian Missionary Association of America (AMAA), the Armenian General Benevolent Union (AGBU) and the Armenian Relief Society (ARS), to do relief and rehabilitation work in the Bourj Hamoud district of Beirut, Lebanon.

The program is administered by an American Supervisory Board (ASB), which consists of the following representatives of the Armenian cooperating organizations in America:

Dr. G. H. Chopourian  
Mr. Alex Manoogian  
Mr. Edward Mardigian  
Dr. Dennis Papazian  
Mr. Yervant Azadian  
Dr. George Bezirgianian  
Dr. Razmig Madenlian  
Mr. Yervant Terzian  
Ms. Arpie Charkoudian  
Mr. Robert Kaloosdian

Dr. Dennis R. Papazian is the American Program Director and Ms. Seta Pambookian is the Lebanese Project

Director. The work in Lebanon is supervised by a Lebanese Advisory Committee (LAC), representing the three cooperating Armenian organizations.

The program, which was later augmented by a second grant of \$500,000, was used to help those injured during the civil war in Lebanon. The program was divided into two major parts:

(1) an Orphans' and Widows' Program (OWP), and

(2) a Fund for Economic Development (FED), which became known as the Armenian Fund for Economic Development (AFED). While the OWP has provided financial assistance to widows and orphans, the AFED program has been providing small loans, at low interest rates, to help individuals in the community regain their economic independence by repairing or rebuilding their places of business and/or purchasing equipment or stock to alleviate the damage and destruction caused by the civil war.

At present, AFED's participating organizations are the three Armenian religious communities and six welfare agencies and organizations in Lebanon. They are the Jinishian Memorial Program, the Armenian National Council, the Armenian Relief Cross, the Armenian Prelacy, the Swiss Friends of the Armenians, MENZA (a credit cooperative), the Union of the Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East in affiliation with the Armenian Missionary Association of America, the Armenian General Benevolent Union and the Armenian Catholic Community.

During the past seven years, 1,801 artisans, 777 small businessmen and 311 individuals have benefited from AFED loans. An unprecedented 95% of the loans are repaid on time.

AFED is managed by an administrative committee consisting of representatives from the participating organizations. There is a subcommittee for the management of loans, which meets weekly to study and approve loan applications. AFED has a professional staff of six persons, who managed to continue their work even during the most difficult of times. The program is certainly a credit to the brave and dedicated Armenian men and women who have contributed so much to make it a success.

UACC from 1971 to 1978.

Hagop is married to Arshalous Dabaghian and they have two sons, Arthur Harout, 19, and Jack Raffi, 16. Arsha is a registered nurse and works at the Henry Mayo Newhall Memorial Hospital in Valencia.

Hagop is an aggressive and highly motivated person, a go-getter. He is leaving a comfortable job to join the ranks of the AMAA because he is a profound believer in the Association's objective, viz. "we are our brother's keeper, especially the less fortunate ones."

We are especially happy that one of our former Child Education recipients has grown in stature to now give leadership to the AMAA.



## NEW ENDOWMENT FUNDS

**The Bedros and Alice Apelian Endowment Fund** was established by Dr. George Apelian of Los Angeles as a loving tribute to his parents. The income from the Fund will provide for the education of underprivileged children in the Middle East.

**The Mr. & Mrs. Robinson Keyishian Endowment Fund** was augmented by a bequest in the amount of \$1,000 from the estate of the late Robinson Keyishian. The Fund, the total of which is now \$2,880, is designated for the general work of the AMAA.

**Paul Garabedian Endowment Fund.** Mrs. Veronica Garabedian of Salem, N.H. established this Fund of \$1,000 as a loving memorial to her late husband. The Fund is designated for underprivileged children's education.

**The Tzolak Henry Shakarian Memorial Fund** was established by Mrs. Victoria Shakarian in loving memory of her late husband. The Fund, which now stands at \$1,000, is earmarked for the general Scholarship Program of the Association.

**Anna Chaghatzbanian Miller Endowment Fund.** Mrs. Anna Chaghatzbanian Miller of Watertown, Mass. established this Fund of \$5,000 under her name as an expression of her deep interest in missionary endeavors. The income from the Fund will be designated for the Armenian Old Age Home in Aleppo, Syria and the Child Education Sponsorship Program of the Association.

**Alex & Victoria Bezjian Endowment Fund.** This Fund of \$1,500 was started by Mr. Alex & Mrs. Victoria Bezjian of Los Angeles, CA. The income from this Fund will provide for the education of needy Armenian children in the Middle East. Alex was instrumental, in cooperation with his friend Luther Eski-jian, to direct the residue of \$18,119.00 in the dissolved Aintab Compatriotic Union account to the AMAA.

**The Tilkian Scholarship Fund.** The children of the Rev. Garabed and Mrs. Nuvart Tilkian, Dr. and Mrs. Sarko, Miss Knarig and Dr. and Mrs. Ara Tilkian started this Fund in happy celebration of

the Golden Wedding Anniversary of their parents. Friends and relatives also contributed to the Fund. The total amount is now \$5,140. The income from the Fund will be used for the education of needy children.

**John Vartanian Endowment Fund.** This Fund of \$6,118.74 was bequeathed to the Association by the late John Vartanian of Watertown, Mass. This thoughtful bequest will be a loving memorial to Mr. Vartanian and will benefit the general missionary outreach of the Association.

**Arthur H. Dadian Child Education Sponsorship Fund.** Mr. Arthur Dadian of Washington, D.C. has started a second Fund with the AMAA in the amount of \$5,000, the first one being a substantial endowment established in 1982. The income from the Fund will provide sponsorship assistance for the education of needy children.

**The Harry N. Charkoudian Education Fund.** This Fund was started through memorial gifts contributed by the family members and friends of the late Mr. Harry N. Charkoudian of Springfield, Mass.

**Gloria Kadian Memorial Fund.** This Fund was established by Mr. Mike Marderos Kadian of Birmingham, MI. in loving memory of his wife Gloria Kadian. Memorial gifts contributed by friends and relatives raised the Fund to \$2,215, the annual income from which will be used for the Child Education Ministry of the Association.

## A.M.A.A. APPOINTS JOHN AYNEJIAN AS OFFICE MANAGER

The appointment of Mr. John Aynejian to the position of Office Manager at the A.M.A.A. Headquarters in Paramus was announced at the 65th Annual Meeting of the Association on October 21, 1984, in Paramus, N.J.

Mr. Aynejian began his duties on October 15, 1984. His duties will cover all administrative work pertaining to the office, as well as the supervision and management of personnel, computer operation, distribution of work, and ac-

counting/bookkeeping activity. He will also assist the Executive Director, as needed.

John was born in Beirut, Lebanon. He was brought up in a Christian home and received his primary education at the School of Life of the Brethren Church in Beirut. He continued his education at the Melkonian Institute in Cyprus and graduated in 1953. He also received the London Chamber of Commerce diploma in bookkeeping. On his return to Lebanon, John was employed by the Trans-Arabian Pipeline Co. (a subsidiary of ARAMCO) in Beirut as office manager.

John came to the United States in 1966, and since then he has held various positions in the business world as accountant, manager and controller. He holds a Bachelor of Science Degree in Accounting from Rutgers University.

John was married to the former Hilda Ajemian of Montreal, Canada in April 1967. They have three children — John, Ruth and David, aged 16, 13 and 12, respectively. All three attend Park Ridge High School. Hilda has been a high school English and French teacher at Hackensack Christian School, a ministry of First Baptist Church (FBC) of Hackensack.

John has been active in the church life at FBC where he has served on the Board of Trustees for six years, on the Executive Committee for four years, and has been assistant Treasurer of the Church. He has also been active in the Committee of Education of HCS and the Missionary Committee of the Church.

## UACC OF HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

We have the distinct pleasure announcing that the United Armenian Congregational Church (UACC) of North Hollywood, CA., at its Annual Meeting on June 3, 1984, unanimously elected Reverend Berdj Djambazian to the post of Senior Pastor.

Reverend Djambazian had already served the UACC as Associate pastor with devotion and distinction for almost three years.

The Board of Directors, Officers and office staff of the AMAA extend hearty congratulations and pray that God will use him mightily in this responsible position.

## HAIGAZIAN COLLEGE BOARDS MEET AND ALUMNI RECOGNIZE PRESIDENT FLETCHER



Honored Guests, Dr. and Mrs. Verne Fletcher.



Mrs. Joyce Stein and Mr. Louis Kurkjian were among the guests gracing the Banquet.

This year's joint meeting of the Haigazian College Board of Trustees and Managers was held on September 6-7, 1984 in Los Angeles. The meeting, which was alternately chaired by Dr. Rendel Levonian, Chairman of the Trustees, and Mrs. Maggie Matossian, Chairman of the Managers, deliberated and acted on a wide variety of concerns and issues related to the life, operation, and mission of the College.

The Rev. Dr. G. H. Chopourian, the Executive Director, represented the Association, and the Beirut-based Board of Managers were represented by Mrs. Maggie Matossian, Chairman; The Rev. Dr. Verne Fletcher, President of the College; The Rev. Hovhannes Karjian; Dr. Sam Agulian; Mr. John Sagherian; and Mr. Hrair Mouradian.

The joint meeting of the Boards also provided the opportunity to have a suc-

cessful Banquet, organized by the Haigazian College Alumni Association, to express to Dr. and Mrs. Verne Fletcher the appreciation of all of the Haigazian College friends for the work he is performing. The Banquet, which took place on Saturday, September 8th at The Western Bonaventure in Los Angeles, provided the Alumni, friends and supporters of the College with a pleasant time of fellowship as well as an opportunity to confirm their love and commitment to the mission of the College.

## THE REV. VARTAN HARTUNIAN: A QUARTER OF CENTURY OF MINISTRY

The First Armenian Church of Belmont, Mass. celebrated the 25-year ministry of The Rev. Vartan and Pampish Grace Hartunian on Sunday, October 28, 1984.

Many dignitaries were present at the celebration to share in the joy of the day and to bring greetings as representatives of Government, Churches, Denominations and Organizations. Among these dignitaries were Governor Michael and Mrs. Kitty Dukakis; State Senator George Bacharach; State Representatives Mary Jane Gibson and George Keeverian; Rabbi Earl A. Grollman, Clergy of the Belmont Religious Council; Armenian Evangelical, Apostolic and Catholic Clergy as well as representatives of numerous religious and cultural organizations.

The AMAA was represented by Mr. Edward Janjigian, Treasurer, The Rev. Dr. G. H. Chopourian, Executive Director, and The Rev. Moses Janbazian, Field Director. On behalf of the AMAA, The Rev. Hartunian was presented with a plaque commemorating the happy occasion.

After sixteen years of employment as a Technical Writer and Businessman, The Rev. Hartunian left the business world to Rev. Hartunian as the following excerpts will demonstrate: "He is a man of destiny — a man of eloquence, intellect, faith and grace. He came to us from the merciless despair of the Genocide and from the burning shores of Smyrna. His faith and vision were forged in Armenia where his father's ministry exemplified courage in the face of death. Resistance to the horrors of a dark period in history bound the family together in a faith and spirit that would eventually lead him to a ministry in America. — He is truly a universal man. His embrace of philosophy, history and literature is profound. Yet he can reach out to us all with understanding and compassion. He writes and speaks succinctly and profoundly. There is power in his words. — An eloquent and impassioned voice for the dignity of man and for human rights, he has marched in the South, has been heard in the world's forums, and has aroused our sense of justice. His wisdom and his vision are preserved in sermon, speech, book and poem. His voice has proclaimed 'I am an Armenian!'"



The Reverend Vartan Hartunian

for the Association, studying the condition of Armenians in Soviet Armenia and in the Diaspora.

He and his wife Grace have three children: a son Nelson, whose wife, The Rev. Joanne Gulezian Hartunian, is an Assistant Pastor at the First Armenian Church; a son, Byron, a physician, whose wife Ellen is an attorney; a daughter Sharon, a social worker. In addition, Pastor Vartan and Pampish Grace have eight grandchildren.

A befitting testimonial, compiled by Alma H. Nahigian and read on behalf of the First Armenian Church by Mr. Harry Dulgarian, summed up the day's tribute to The Rev. Hartunian as the following excerpts will demonstrate:

"He is a man of destiny — a man of eloquence, intellect, faith and grace. He came to us from the merciless despair of the Genocide and from the burning shores of Smyrna. His faith and vision were forged in Armenia where his father's ministry exemplified courage in the face of death. Resistance to the horrors of a dark period in history bound the family together in a faith and spirit that would eventually lead him to a ministry in America. — He is truly a universal man. His embrace of philosophy, history and literature is profound. Yet he can reach out to us all with understanding and compassion. He writes and speaks succinctly and profoundly. There is power in his words. — An eloquent and impassioned voice for the dignity of man and for human rights, he has marched in the South, has been heard in the world's forums, and has aroused our sense of justice. His wisdom and his vision are preserved in sermon, speech, book and poem. His voice has proclaimed 'I am an Armenian!'"



# TOOTIKIANS CELEBRATE TWO SILVER ANNIVERSARIES



The Rev. and Mrs. Vahan Tootikian

The Rev. Dr. Vahan Tootikian, Pastor of the Greater Detroit Armenian Congregational Church, and his wife Juliet, celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. The AMAA Board, Officers and Staff join in hearty congratulations. Further wishes are due to Vahan who observed the 25th year of his ordination.

The Reverend Tootikian, who authored the important *History of the Armenian Evangelical Church*, has recently contributed an article which appeared in the *Hidden Histories in the United Church of Christ* by Barbara Brown Zikmund. The feature article is entitled, "Armenian Congregationalism: From Mission to Membership in UCC."

God Bless your efforts Vahan.

# AGBABIAN APPOINTED USC DEPARTMENT CHAIRMAN

The University of Southern California has recently appointed Dr. Mihran Agbabian of Los Angeles, Calif. to an endowed chair as the new Fred Champion Professor of Civil Engineering and Chairman of the Department of Civil Engineering.

In announcing the appointment, Dean Leonard Silverman of the School of Engineering stated: "We are indeed fortunate to have attracted someone of his stature to lead this department. His experience and his demonstrated record of achievements will be of enormous benefit to the Department, the School and the University."

Congratulations and best wishes are extended to Dr. Agbabian for this distinguished appointment.

# ALICE ODIAN KASPARIAN LECTURES AT MEDICAL CONGRESS

Mrs. Alice Odian Kasparian of Belmont, Mass., a Life Member and faithful supporter of the AMAA, was among the main Lecturers featured at the Third Armenian Medical World Congress held in Montreal, Canada on August 10-14, 1984. Mrs. Kasparian, who is the first Armenian lady pharmacist to graduate in the U.S., presented a highly appreciated lecture at the Congress entitled "Materia Medica of Ancient Armenia" to over 50 renowned doctors, medical specialists and professors of Armenian descent from all over the world, including Armenia.



Alice Odian Kasparian

Mrs. Kasparian's interest and accomplishments go beyond the field of Medicine. She is an accomplished writer, historian and specialist in the art of Armenian needlelace. She has published several books, the latest of which, "The Armenian Needlelace," is regarded as the best of its kind. Mrs. Kasparian is also a community service oriented lady who, as early as 1934, helped organize the Armenian Women's Welfare Association and became its charter President.

Hearty Congratulations to our dear Mrs. Alice Odian Kasparian, and on behalf of the entire AMAA family, prayerful best wishes to her for continued health and a long and productive life.

# THE REV. & MRS. GARABED TILKIAN HONORED ON THEIR GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

A host of relatives, friends and colleagues celebrated the Golden Wedding Anniversary of The Rev. and Mrs. Garabed Tilkian (Nouvart) on Friday evening, August 25, 1984. The event was planned by the couple's children and daughters-in-law, Rita and Elizabeth at the garden of Dr. and Mrs. Sarko Tilkian in Encino, Calif.



The Rev. Garabed and Mrs. Nuvart Tilkian

The celebrations began with the invocation of The Rev. Nerses Khachadourian. Dr. Markarian, the master of ceremonies, kept the evening light and lively. The Rev. Edward Tovmassian, The Rev. Bernard Guekguezian (formerly Assistant Minister to The Rev. Tilkian in the First Church, Beirut) and Mr. John Tilkian, nephew of the pastor, expressed in appropriate words their appreciation to the couple for their ministry through the years — Nouvart as "minister of internal affairs" and Badveli as "minister of religious affairs."

The couple's children, Drs. Sarko and Ara, and Knarig and grandchildren Gary and Dina and daughter-in-law Rita, paid their tribute with humor and candor. Slides depicting the couple's life and ministry, with a witty and humorous commentary by Ara, delighted everyone.

The Rev. and Mrs. Tilkian gave quality ministry to the Armenian Evangelical Churches in Yoghounolouk (Musa Daghi); Ekiz Olouk, Keorkuneh, Kessab; Beirut, Lebanon (First Church for 22 years) and Chicago. They became a blessing wherever they served.

The Tilkian children established a Scholarship Fund with the AMAA and the donations of the guests in lieu of gifts were added to the fund the income from which will provide for the education of underprivileged children. Additional money will augment the sum from year to year.

Today, the couple's many interests and hobbies serve them well and they serve as fine role-models for retired ministers and friends.

# VISITS WITH AMAA MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Depicted below are some of the AMAA Members and Friends visited by the Executive and Field Directors during their recent field trips to various areas of the U.S. and Canada.



Left to right: Mr. & Mrs. Vartkes Jamgochian of Park Ridge, IL., with our Field Director, Mr. M.B. Janbazian; Miss Aida Baghdassarian of Albany, N.Y.; Mr. Herbert Koshgarian of Burr Ridge, IL.; Mr. & Mrs. John Husissian of Southfield, MI.



First Picture: Our Field Director with the Armenian Evangelical Ministers of New England. Second Picture: Mrs. Sadie Pause, current Treasurer of AMAA Providence Chapter with former Treasurer, Mr. Zenas Kevorkian. Third Picture: The Board of Deacons of the Ararat Armenian Congregational Church of Salem, N.H. Fourth Picture: (left to right): Haig Arabian, Zaven Margossian, The Rev. Dr. Vahan Tootikian and Harold Artinian of Detroit, MI.



Left to right: Mr. & Mrs. Yervant Kutchukian of Loudonville, N.Y., with daughter Sylvia; Dr. & Mrs. Paul Hasserjian of Manchester, N.H.; Mrs. Arsen Georgizian (Anne) and her sister H. Eleonor Boyadjian with the Rev. John Zarifian of Providence, R.I.; Mr. & Mrs. Yervant Selyan of Toronto, Canada, with Mrs. Louisa Janbazian (right).



First Picture: The Founding Board of Directors of the Armenian Missionary Association of Canada with the representatives of the AMAA. Second Picture: Members of the Benevolence Committee of the First Armenian Church of Belmont, Mass., who organize and serve successful AMAA Benefit Luncheons. Third Picture: Board of Directors of the Charlotte Church of Belmont, Mass., and Elise Merdinian Armenian Evangelical School of Los Angeles.



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Մասնաւոր յիշատակութեան եւ գնահատանքի արժանացաւ վարժարանին բարերարուհին՝ Օր. Էլիզ Մերտինեան, ընթացիկ տարեշջանին կատարած նոր նուիրատուութեան մը համար:

Գնահատանքի նուէր մը յանձնուեցաւ վարիչ-տնօրէն Պրն. Դանիէլ Ալպարեանի, վարժարանի առաջին երկու տարինե-  
րուն հաւատարիմ ծառայութեան համար: Այսուհետեւ, Պրն. Դանիէլ Ալպարեան պիտի շարունակէ հայ ժողովուրդին իր  
ծառայութիւնը մատուցանել կրօնա-հովուական դաշտին մէջ:

Ուսումնական ընթացիկ տարելը ջանին, դպրոցին տնօրէնութեան պաշտօնը յանձնուած է վաստակաւոր կրթական մշակ եւ տնօրէն Պրն. Արամ Պուլղուրճեանի, որ երկար տարիներ, որպէս սերուած ու կարող տնօրէն, ծառայած է Պէյրութի Հայ Աւետարանական տարբեր վարժարաններէ ներս: Պրն. Պուլղուրճեանի նման փորձառու եւ կարող տնօրէնի մը ղեկավարութեամբ, Հայ Աւետարանական վարժարանը աւելի մեծ թափով պիտի շարունակէ բարձրանալ ու բարգաւաճի:

Հայ ժողովուրդին ծառայելու հեռանկարով, Հայ Աւետարանական վարժարաններու հոգաբարձութիւնը ոչ միայն կատարած է դպրոցական ներքին բարեփոխութիւններ, այլ նաեւ ծրագրած է մշակութային եւ բնկերային գործունէութիւններու լայն ծրագիրներ, դպրոցի աշակերտութեան, ծնողներու եւ շրջանի Հայ հասարակութեան համար:

Հոգաբարձուծիւնը արդէն սկսած է շարաթօրեայ վարժարանի դրուծիւնը, օտար վարժարաններ յաճախող Հայ աշակերտներու հայերէն լեզու դաստանդելու համար: Շարաթօրեայ դաստանդուծիւնները տեղի կ'ունենան Շարաթ օրերը, կ.ա. ժամը 10էն մինչեւ կ.ե. ժամը 1:00:

Հայկական ալլ դպրոցներու նման, Հայ Աւետարանական վարժարանն ալ իր գոյութիւնն ու առաքելութիւնը կը պարտի ազգասէր Հայերու, որոնք գործնական ծառայութեամբ կամ նիւթական նուէրներով կ'օժանդակեն անոր գործին:

Հայ Աւետարանական վարժարանը բախտատու է որ ունի ամբողջական նուիրումով գործող հոգաբարձութիւն մը, որ կը բաղկանայ հասփէր ու ազգային խորունկ մտահոգութիւն ունեցող առաջնորդներէ: Ինչ որ կը պակսի վարժարանին, նիւթական միջոցներն են՝ աւելի թարմար եւ մնայուն չէնք մը ապահովելու եւ օրէ օր բարձրացող ծախսերը հոգալու: Այս գծով Հայ Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութիւնը կը շարունակէ իր կարելին ընել օգնելու վարժարանին: Դպրոցական ընթացիկ տարելըջանին համար, Աւետարանական Ընկերակցութիւնը արդէն թանձն առած է 30,000 տոլարի թաւկացումով մը օժանդակել վարժարանին: Սակայն այս գումարը գորացնելու համար, պէտք ունինք դպրոցատէր ու մեր մատղաշ սերունդին հայեցի դաստիարակութեամբ հետաբարբրօած բարերարներու նուէրներուն: Արդ, կոչ կ'ընենք մեր բոլոր հայրենակիցներուն որ օգնեն մեզ, որպէսզի կարենանք շարունակել մեր օժանդակութիւնը Հայ լեզուին ու մշակութիւն թաւրժացման նուիրօած կրթական այս հաստատութեան:

Զեր նուիրները կրնաք զրկել Աւետարանչական Ընկերակ-ցութեան  
Կեդրոնատեղին – Armenian Missionary Association, 140 Forest  
Avenue, Paramus, N.J. 07652.

## Շնորհակալությամբ Ստացուած Գիրքեր

**ՆԵՐՔԻՆ ԽՌՈՎՔՆԵՐ, Հեղինակ՝ Նորայր Մելիստոնեան:**

Հեղինակին ներքին խռովքներուն կատաղի պողոթկում-ներուն արտայայտութիւնը եղող արձակ բանաստեղծութիւն-ներ :

ԿԵԱՆՔԻՍ ՏԱՔ ՈՒ ՊԱՂ ՕՐԵՐԸ, հեղինակ՝ Սարգիս Պալա-  
պանեան:

Հեղինակին տառապանքով, զրկանքով, ցաւով ու մահուան  
դէմ պայքարելով շահուած կեանքին պատմութիւնը:

**80-ԱՄԵԱԿԻՍ ԱՌԹԻԻ, հեղինակ-խմբագիր՝ Սամուել Յ. Փաշկեան:**

Բանաստեղծութիւններ, յուշեր, վկայութիւններ եւ հոգեւոր  
խորհրդածութիւններ:

ՊՐՆ. ՍՏԵՓԱՆ Յ. ԱԲԷԼԵԱՆ

Պրն. Ս. Աբէլեանի ծնունդը կը գուգադիպէր գիւղիս եկեղեցւոյ գոյարման թուականին, 1897, ի Քէօբքիւնէ, Քէսապ: Իրեն համար իրա՛ւ բախտաւորութիւն էր մեծնալ եւ աճիլ եկեղեցիին մէջ ու եկեղեցիին հետ: Պրն. Ս. Աբէլեան հանդիսացաւ ոչ միայն Քէօբքիւնէի եկեղեցւոյ հարազատ գաւաիւր, այլ նաեւ անոր հաւատարիմ ու գործօն անդամը, գործունեայ սարկաւազն ու գանձապահը, եւ գործնական պահապանը, հասունութեան տարիքէն մինչեւ խոր ծերութիւնը: Բառասունհինգ տարիներէ ի վեր ճանչցած եմ Պրն. Ս. Աբէլեանը, եւ երեսուն եօթը տարիներ մօտէն հետեւած եմ անոր կեանքին եւ աշխատանքին: Կիրակնօրեայ պաշտամունքին, չարաթամիջի աղօթաժողովներուն եւ հոգաբարձական նիստերուն առաջին եկողը ինք կ'ըլլար: Եկեղեցւոյ հովիւներուն ու պաշտօնեաներուն հանդէպ յատուկ հոգածութիւն կը յայտնաբերէր: Աչքին բիրին պէս կը սիրէր եկեղեցին, դպրոցը եւ աշակերտութիւնն ու ժողովուրդը: Օրուան ծանր աշխատանքէն ետք՝ յատուկ ժամանակ կը յատկացնէր Սբ. Գիրքի ընթերցման եւ աղօթքի: Պրն. Ս. Աբէլեան բարութեան մարմնացումն էր, գիւղին տիպար եւ օրինակելի մարդը, ամենէն սիրուած հանդարտաբարոյ պապուկն էր ան: Բարութեան չափ ալ պարզ ու խոնարհ էր, եւ իր ծառայութեան մէջ բոլորովին անշահախնդիր ու պարկեշտ: Աշխատասէր էր, եւ կարեկցող ու հիւրասէր:

Պրն. Ս. Արեշեան սէր ու բարութիւն սերմանեց իր չորսդիւն, սէր ու յարգանք վայելեց իր շրջապատէն: Հոգեպէս հարուստ ու երջանիկ կը զգար ինքզինքն անոր համար որ Աստուած իրեն պարգեւած էր երկու մանչ զաւակներ եւ չորս համալսարանական թոռներ, որոնք կը ճանչցուն իրենց եկեղեցական եւ կրթական գնահատելի ծառայութիւններով:

Պրն. Ս. Աբելեանի Տէր ննջեց, ու մեկնեցաւ այս ցաւատանը աշխարհէն 26 Յուլիս, 1984ին: Կը հաւատամ, որ՝ համաճայն Յովհ. Ժ. 25ին, ան կ'ապրի իր սիրած Փրկչին հետ, Աստուծոյ սիրոյն ու սրբութեան մէջ: Պօղոս Առաքեալին խօսքը լրիւ կը պատշաճի Պրն. Ս. Աբելեանի անձին ու կեանքին.- «Բարի պատերազմը պատերազմեցայ, ընթացքը կատարեցի, հաւատքը պահեցի: Ասկէ ետեւ կայ ու կը մնայ ինծի արգարութեան պատկը, զոր Տէրը պիտի հատուցանէ ինծի այն օրը»:

Արդ, սիրելի քեռորդի, մահուանդ քառասունքին առիթով, սոյն վկայութեամբ իմ անկեղծ տպաւորութիւններս կը նուիրեմ բարի յիշատակիդ որպէս բուրումնաւէտ փունջ մը ծաղիկ, գիւղիս «կղիցիկ» կոչուած գերեզմանատան սրբանոցիդ վրայ, մաղթելով որ Տէրը օրհնէ Հայրական ու մարդկային սիրոյ յիշատակներդ, եւ եկեղեցիիդ մատուցած աւելի քան կէս դարու ծառայութիւնդ, ի փառս Աստուծոյ եւ ի պայծառութիւն Քրիստոսի եկեղեցիին:

ՎԵՐ. ԱՐՏԱՇԷՍ Ս. ԳԵՐՊԱՊԵԱՆ

## OBITUARIES

**Sympathies extended:** – The Board of Directors, the Executive Director, the Field Directors and the staff, all of whom are acquainted with the deceased, their families and relatives through the AMAA records, extend their sincere and deep sympathies to the immediate kin, relatives and friends of the deceased, whose obituaries, transmitted to the Editor by pastors, friends or relatives, are recorded below.

*"Let not your heart be troubled," said our Lord, "ye believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many mansions . . . I go to prepare a place for you. . . , I will come again, and receive you unto myself." (Jo. 14:1-3). This is the hope by which we should all live.*

**FLORENCE (HOVSEPIAN)  
SANOSSIAN**



Florence Sanossian

Mrs. Florence Sanossian, born on October 10, 1897 in Kessab, Syria entered her eternal rest on September 1, 1984 at 9 p.m. after a prolonged illness. She died in Fontana, CA, having received excellent care at the Citrus Care Convalescent Home.

Florence was married on May 14 (on Mother's Day), 1944 to Joseph Sanossian who had immigrated to the United States soon after 1918. Joseph had a personal experience of Christ when he was 15 and thus became a born again Christian in Aintab at an early age. After their marriage, Florence herself experienced the Saving knowledge of Christ in 1952 and praised God for being born again. She had come to the United States in 1909 when she was 12 through the gates of famous Ellis Island. She attended High-School in New York and took in two years' of College work.

Mr. and Mrs. Sanossian were members of the Van Nuys First Baptist Church where Joseph Sanossian was a Deacon for 33 years from 1951-1984 and is slated as Life Deacon. He was also an usher for 20 years. The two attended Church services morning and evening as well as weekly prayer meetings, never missing a session. He was a baker employed in a bakery, served in the Turkish Army for one year, escaped from the Army and ended in Beirut after the Armistice. Then, he served in the U.S. Army, being discharged honorably when conscription age was reduced from 45

**MARY KAZAZIAN**

Mrs. Mary (Karjigian) Kazazian, devoted wife of the late Haroutiun Kazazian, formerly of Summit, New Jersey, passed away at St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Brighton, MA on October 14, 1984. She was 85.

A native of Bardizag, Armenia, Mrs. Kazazian came to this country and married Haroutiun Kazazian in 1923.

She was talented in the fine art of needlework. Her skillful craftsmanship is evident in her gift of a piece of exquisite Armenian lacework, now gracing a wall in the foyer of the Armenian Nursing Home in Jamaica Plain, MA. She left a legacy of beautifully hand-crafted afghans, tablecloths and other objects as testimony to her skill.

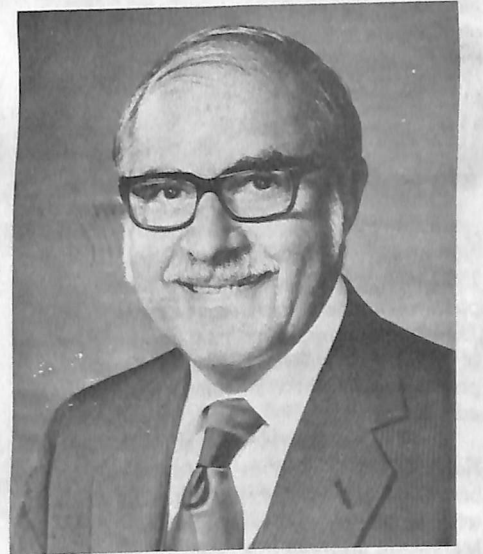
Her hospitable, gracious and generous personality touched the lives of all who knew her. Many early Armenian immigrant students, who came to this country to further their studies and for whom she provided "a home away from home," were beneficiaries of her largesse.

For many years Mrs. Kazazian was actively involved in volunteer work for St. Mary's Armenian Church of Livingston, New Jersey, as well as being a life-long member of the AGBU.

She is survived by her daughter, Frances Nahigian, of Belmont, MA and grandsons

Funeral services were private with the Rev. Mampre Kouzouian officiating and burial was in Mt. Auburn Cemetery in Cambridge, MA.

**DAVID B. SHAKARIAN**



David B. Shakarian

David B. Shakarian, the man who "put health into food" by founding and developing the world's most successful nutrition company, died in Pittsburgh, Pa. on September 11, 1984 at the age of 70.

Shakarian was chairman of the board of General Nutrition, Inc., the international health-food firm which he started with one store in 1935. Riding the crest of increasing public interest in better health through nutrition and self-help, GNC now has over 1,200 retail stores in 49 states and Canada, and manufactures the majority of 2,000 products it sells for nutrition, health, diet, fitness.

"I never worked a day in my life," Mr. Shakarian confided often to friends about his 49 years in business. "It's not work when you love what you're doing." His brother, Bart Shakarian, GNC Vice-Chairman, said of his brother's vision:

Speaking for the family, Bart Shakarian said: "The business accomplishment of the man was truly unparalleled. But we're sorry for those who didn't come to know him also as an exceptional human being."

Survivors of David B. Shakarian include his wife, Lois V. Shakarian; his brother Bart J.



Shakarian; three sisters, Arax Malcon, Frances Keegan and Vee Toner; twin daughters, Louise and Linda, five grandchildren.

Shakarian was active in a number of service clubs and organizations through which he rendered valuable services to the community. He was also active in the Armenian community in the U.S. He was a contributing member of the Armenian Missionary Association of America, the Armenian General Benevolent Union, a trustee of the Armenian Assembly of America and a dominant leader in Armenian affairs in the U.S. and internationally. One thing he wanted and encouraged was youth of Armenian descent to become good and useful American citizens.

With David B. Shakarian's death, the Armenian community in the United States lost one of its prominent figures, whose outstanding achievements give pride to all Armenians. As his brother, Bart Shakarian said, "His influence on America will continue through his family and the enterprises he created."

#### KHUNTIR HARRY KAPIGIAN

Khuntir Harry Kapigian was born to Haroutyun and Myrenig Kalfayan on December 15, 1912 in Agun, Turkey. Like thousands of his contemporaries, Khuntir was orphaned by the Turkish massacres, losing his parents and most of his family members. Khuntir grew up in orphanages and later in Beirut, where he received his education.

In 1928, when Harry's aunt Mendoochi Kapigian, who had migrated to the U.S., became a U.S. citizen, she sponsored Harry who arrived in this country via Cuba. Later Mendoochi adopted Harry as her son. Mendoochi Kapigian died two months ago at the age 101.

In 1934, Khuntir visited Aleppo and returned with his bride Asdghig Zabounian to the U.S. residing in New Jersey. This union was blessed with two sons, Albert Arshag and Robert Ara.

Until his retirement in 1977, he owned and operated his own retail carpeting store, Harry Kapigian & Son, in Hackensack. Having lost his wife in 1972, he married the former Arshalouys Aljian in 1975.

For Harry, life had been a long journey—from Agun to Istanbul, Beirut, Cuba and finally the U.S. His earthly pilgrimage came to an end on October 25, 1984.

Harry was a man of faith who read the Bible every morning in Armenian and English. He spoke evil of no one. He was part of the generation of immigrant Armenians who sacrificed themselves, starting from scratch, establishing themselves, sacrificing at great personal cost for the next generation.

The funeral services were held on October 29, 1984 at the Armenian Presbyterian Church of Paramus. He is survived by his widow, Arshalouys; two sons, Albert Arshag and Robert Ara; daughter-in-law Shirley; two grandsons, George and Payton; and Auntie Lucy Duncan.

#### ARPINE MARDIGUIAN

**The biography of an Armenian-American professional of multiple accomplishments.**

Arpine Mardigian, member of the AMAA, passed away on September 15, 1984.

She was born in Istanbul, Turkey. After graduating from American College for Women in Istanbul in 1924, she came to the United States where she received her B.A. degree from the University of Wisconsin. She earned her Master's degree from the Graduate School of Social Work at Smith College.

Among her many voluntary endeavors should be cited her tireless efforts for Travelers Aid organization. During World War II, she performed her patriotic duty as one of the best professionals of the American Red Cross, supervising and training hospital staff in Red Cross work.

After the war, she became an effective and competent Supervisor of Social Services of the Veterans Administration. Arpine, better known as Penny to her friends, still found time to do research work in Public Health at Temple University. For seven years, at the Memorial Hospital for Cancer Research in New York City, she ably supervised the social work staff, teaching social workers and medical staff and physicians, and when needed, she also performed hands-on casework herself. For ten devoted years, at the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation Services, she rendered invaluable professional help, retiring in 1970.

She was a liberal giver not only of herself but also made generous gifts to causes she believed in.

The Armenian Evangelical Church of New York honored her at its recent banquet for her professional, personal, civic/church-oriented accomplishments and for her service to her country.

Surviving are her brother Steven and Armine, his wife of New Hyde Park, N.Y., her sister Lydia of Coalinga, California, two nephews, Armen and James.

#### KHOSROF MEGHRIGIAN

Khosrof Meghrigian, the first born son of Mgrditch and Yacoub, was born in Hazzo, Central Turkey, in July 1900. After a long illness, he succumbed to his last stroke on Sunday, August 26th.

After attending elementary school in Diarbekir, Turkey, Khosrof was sent to Aleppo at the age of 12 to attend the German Gymnasium from where he graduated with high marks in 1918. For a brief period after his graduation, he served with the German military as a translator in Aleppo, Syria, where he helped in feeding and saving the lives of many Armenian survivors of the Turkish atrocities.

Khosrof possessed qualities of an astute business executive. In 1930 he helped start a philatelic supply distribution business which grew to be one of the top five of its kind in the country.



Khosrof Meghrigian

He had a very special feeling and appreciation for the poor and the disadvantaged, and worked tirelessly to improve their lot. He devoted much of his time and energy to the Los Angeles Educational Foundation and other causes. He is survived by his wife, Amy; a son, Alan; a daughter, Margaret; two brothers, Garo and Hemayak; and three sisters, Santought, Hasmig and Arpie.

#### GLORIA KADIAN

Gloria Kadian, the beloved wife of Mike Marderos Kadian and mother of Michael Kadian, passed away on Wednesday, September 12, 1984. A funeral service was held at the Armenian Congregational Church of Detroit on Saturday, September 15, with the Rev. Dr. Vahan Tootikian officiating.

Gloria, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Aram and Armaveni Adams, was born on February 15, 1934. She married Mike Kadian in 1962 and God blessed their union with a happy home and a son, Michael. Friends and relatives remember Gloria as a delicate, considerate and gracious person who had no malice or wickedness in her heart. Her sensitivity, innate warmth and goodness were always evidenced through her acts of kindness and service to her family and friends.

Gloria and her husband Mike have been faithful supporters of AMAA's ministries. To perpetuate her love for missionary work and in tribute to her memory, her family established a memorial endowment fund with annual income assigned for use for the education of underprivileged children. What greater measure of love can there be than to help a useful program in perpetuity?

#### YEGHIA HADIDIAN

*Submitted by Puzant Hadidian*

Yeghia Hadidian was born in Aintab in 1899 and passed away in America in 1984 at the age of 94. He was the brother of two well-known Armenian Evangelical ministers, the Rev. Yenovk Hadidian of Lebanon and Dr. Yervant Hadidian of America.

Yeghia was a self-made man. When still a teenager he had to leave school to help his

father support the family which his parents had enlarged to seven children, without asking his opinion. However, by going to night schools he acquired a good general knowledge and proficiency in English and French.

He was put in Armenag Nazarian's pharmacy as an apprentice. Thanks to his keen scientific mind he learned in a comparatively short time the secrets of the profession and when his boss died prematurely he was given full charge of the pharmacy. Students from Aintab going to the Pharmacy School of Beirut used to spend their summer vacations with him to learn how to dispense prescriptions which in those days had to be compounded by the pharmacist. Also, with his natural interest in medicine, he became later on a capable assistant to then well-known Dr. Habib Nazarian.

In 1915 he was the pharmacist of the German Hospital in the Entilli Station of the Berlin-Bagdad Railway Construction Company. In that capacity he saved the family from deportation.

In later years he was the field agent of the Azounieh Sanatorium. He used to travel all over Lebanon and Syria to solicit funds and provisions for the institution.

He is survived by a brother Puzant, the last of the family, three sons, Bernard, Nubar, Edgard and a granddaughter, Maral.

#### GULUMIA MAYRIG HACHIGIAN

*Submitted by Philip Kazanjian*

My grandmother, Gulumia Hachigian, was born in 1896 in the town of Chomakloo in Armenia. She was the daughter of Khacher and Santookhd Keyishian. At the age of 13 she married Mardiros Hachigian. Several months later, Mardiros left Chomakloo to seek a better life for himself and his bride in the United States. They would not see each other again for ten years during which time Gulumia suffered through the forced deportation and near starvation of the Armenian "Massacres" times. With the assistance of the Red Cross, my grandfather located her amid the homeless masses of Aleppo, Syria. They came to the United States of America in 1920 and settled in Evanston, Ill. where they established an oriental rug repair business and raised their three children, Mary, John and Sunny.

Gulumia often spoke of the faithfulness of the Lord and His constant protection through the Armenian massacre times. Her faith in Him helped her in those years and remained with her until she was called to her eternal home on June 29, 1984.

#### WARREN GAGOSIAN

Warren Gagosian passed away on July 13, 1984. He was born in Eshkeshar, Armenia in 1914 to Bedros and Marian (Taksackian) Gagosian. His father was one of the victims of the Genocide of Armenians by the Turks. Soon after World War I, the surviving

members of the Gagosian family came to the United States.

Warren served in World War II, and upon his return he opened a General Radio and Appliance Company in Medford. In 1948 he and Virginia Berberian were married in the First Armenian Church in which he served as Moderator, Deacon, Father of the Year, as well as organizer of outings and social activities. He was also involved in a number of service oriented organizations including the AMAA, through which he provided tuition aid to many underprivileged children. Warren always gave proportionately greater part of his time, energies and material resources to others with a deep sense of faith in God.

Warren is survived by his wife, Virginia; two sons, Richard and Paul; and three brothers, Haroutune, Berj and Robert.

#### ROBERT YACoubIAN

Robert Yacoubian, brother of Anahid Yacoubian, passed away on September 7, 1984 in Beirut, Lebanon.

On May 4th, Robert came to the United States as an immigrant and visited his sister whom he had not seen for 10 years. In June, his wife Mary and his son Shahe arrived. Their plan was to start a new life in the U.S. Family and business obligations forced him to return to Beirut. He was planning to return to the U.S. with his other two sons, Norayr and Herach, and join his family. But life did not give him that opportunity. The night of September 6th he went to bed and died in his sleep from aneurysm.

Robert's wife, Mary, and his son, Shahe are in Chicago, while Norayr and Herach are in Lebanon. Robert also leaves behind a sister, Anahid in Massachusetts and another sister, Alice, and brother Hovannes, both in Aleppo, Syria.

**The AMAA Board of Directors extend their heartfelt condolences to the families of the deceased through the medium of the AMAA NEWS.**

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Medford, MA June 28, 1984

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August 1, 1984

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Fresno, CA Aug. 2, 1984

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For the Armenian reader, the book offers interesting and valuable information about the history of the schools, colleges and seminaries that played such an important part in the religious, cultural, and educational development of our com-

munities in Cilicia and Central Turkey before the 1915 Genocide. The work will arouse familiar memories among all Armenians — names of missionaries and educators as well as institutions such as Mr. Hardin's seminary at Bebek, the colleges at Aintab, Marash, Morsovan, Harpoot, Euphrates, Smyrna, St. Paul's Institute at Tarsus and so forth.

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This booklet, which is prepared in response to the request of the General Assembly of the World Council of Churches (WCC), provides historically accurate and factual information on the

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